

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 19:6

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Nearly Time Now to Order Sunday School Supplies for Next Quarter

Keep up the Sunday School Work and Train the Children for God and His Church

BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND FIRE

Great Movement on Foot to Fill the World With the Gospel.

KEEP UP THE MIGHTY MOVE THAT'S STARTED

Things have to move before this mighty through. We have fallen behind with our monthly reports on account of unavoidable hindrances, and doubtless you have been looking for the May report for several weeks, but we could not get it ready until this week. And now we are prepared to give May and June together.

	May.	June.
Homes visited	5,594	6,129
Services conducted	9,676	4,215
Sermons preached	4,516	5,066
Converted	607	851
Sanctified	399	556
Rec'd the Holy Ghost	253	525
Baptized in water	387	549
Added to Church	373	455
New churches	8	7

Our people can't be still. They will keep moving and doing something. They want people baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and anything that helps toward this goal they think is worth doing. God has laid this work on us and we feel we must hurry and get as much of it done while Jesus tarries as possible. We have undertaken a great work, urged on by the Spirit of God. It is no little thing to fill the world with the gospel. We do not expect to do it all ourselves, but we want to put it where others have not. We want to pick up the odds and ends, the neglected places—places where the people have not been told of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. We feel that they must know about this as well as the other part of the good news. And we feel under obligations to keep up the mighty move that's started.

Some that can't preach can visit families and pray with them and read the Bible and talk to them about this wonderful salvation. And sometimes preachers can do this kind of work between their preaching services. Then there are lots of people who can conduct prayer meetings, and every community should have a prayer meeting going. Besides all the other ways of working there is the Sunday school work, and the tract distribution that may be

worth much more than many believe. Surely every body can help in some way and will want to find something to do.

The ministry of prayer should always have its place in every humble life. Every one can pray. And almost every revival is in answer to prayer. Every soul is saved in answer to some body's prayer. O it is great to know how to pray—to pray the prayer of faith that moves the great God to action in behalf of lost souls! Every body pray!

WHO'S GOING TO CHINA?

And I guess it would be more appropriate now to say, Who has gone to China? In order to help Sister Rushin and her company off last month we were compelled to overdraw considerably on the missionary fund. This must be made up at our next missionary day collection which falls on Sept. 10.

Remember on that day that the money has already gone for China. Every Minister and pastor should preach a China sermon that day and every member should put forth the very best effort to raise the collections so this money can be replaced at once.

I do not think I need to say much about this for we all know our duty. You are all glad to have a part in the salvation of some of China's Millions, and to think that the help has already gone forward before you put your money in. You are already two weeks behind and will have to hurry to catch up. Who knows but some Chinese may be saved from the use of your money before you have paid a cent?

This is quite wonderful, but God is wonderful, and He makes things go wonderful.

Now please do not forget the day and don't forget what it is for, and don't forget the importance of the collection this time and be sure to do your best.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

I guess some are wondering what the Bible School is doing this year. It is announced to commence the EIGHTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER this year which is much earlier than usual. This is some indication that it is becoming more interesting. Well, this is true. It has been growing with each successive year ever since it started. This year the prospects are very bright for a still larger attendance.

The school has been fine all the way along, and last year the attendance was good, but the outlook this year is for a large attendance in spite of all the hindrances, "hard times," and discouragements that have been presenting themselves.

We have already more than sixty-five applications in hand with twenty or more prospects besides. We are enlarging our quarters and providing better accommodations for the scholars and teachers. More school desks have been ordered, and better and more convenient class rooms are being provided. We mean business for the Lord and we expect every scholar that comes to mean the same.

This school is not for children, we may have a school for children some time, but this is for grownups who want to prepare for Christian work. It is called a Bible school because the Bible is the principal text book, but we give literary instructions to those who have a very limited education. It takes this in some instances to make a person able to comprehend and understand the Scriptures.

There is one thing peculiar to this school that is not in all schools—the Holy Ghost is the great Teacher and must be honored in His place at all times. It is He that leads the student into the deep and hidden mysteries that are beneath the surface of all Bible truths. It is the Spirit that illuminates both the minds of the students and the body matter of the text books. It is Himself that leads into and keeps the students up in their spirituality. And every scholar is expected to improve in spirituality as well as mentally.

The faculty of the school wishes to impress on the minds of all who attend to come early. Every one should be in Cleveland not later than the fifteenth

and one or two days earlier if possible. Arrangements will be made to meet the trains on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the week before the school opens. The pupils will all be expected to come to the Evangel office Thursday, Friday or Saturday—14, 15, 16, for examination and grading. This work must all be done so school can open in regular order at eight o'clock Monday morning, Sept. 18. And those who want to do light housekeeping should come at least a week early so they will have plenty of time to get located and everything ready for business.

We are going to do our best to make everything pleasant and comfortable and we want all to feel happy and at home. A splendid reception will be waiting every student. It will be our chief aim to set before the newcomers a feast of sunshine and cheer at the very beginning. And the students that were here last year will know just how to be at home as soon as they arrive. What a good time we are expecting! I will be very sorry if any feel compelled to wait until the Assembly to come. Better start in at the first if possible. We will look for you!

THE ORPHANAGE WORK

The Kentucky brethren have completed their house and gone home. Brother Prewitt, whose home is at Corbin, Kentucky, stuck to it from the beginning until the last of the finishing was on. I never saw a more faithful worker. He had the burden on him so heavy before he commenced the building that he could not sleep of nights. I guess he feels greatly relieved now.

But Brother Prewitt was not alone in this work. His good wife was with him every day and gave him all the encouragement and assistance that she could. She not only cooked his meals and kept the house comfortable, but she actually helped with the work on the house. And besides the excellent help of his good wife Brothers Muncy, Mays and Basham worked hard and faithfully, but neither of them were able to help all the time on account of home duties.

We very much enjoyed the good spirit and sweet fellowship of these Kentucky people while they were here and we almost regretted that the building was finished and they had to go back to their homes. Their memory will ever be pleasant, and we will expect them and others from that great state to return occasionally and view the building and surrounding grounds when they are all alive with boys and girls.

We have been housing a number of our children in the Bible school dormitory this summer while the new buildings were in construction, and now we will have to move the children and get the dormitory ready for the Bible school students. We have great times changing about and turning things so as to keep the work going with so little capital, and while the work is in its infancy. We are alive with work, work, work, and God helps us to keep things going.

We now have twenty-seven little mouths to feed besides the matron and workers. This makes quite a family and the cost of food alone is no little thing. But we have a nice garden and truck patch where the little boys have been working during the summer, and this helps with the different varieties of vegetables. Besides this we

have a larger tract of land in cultivation where we have corn, beans, peas, tomatoes and sweet-potatoes. The children were too small to cultivate this field this year and we had to rent it out, but it will be ready for our boys to work on when they get older.

Although we have produced everything we could this year our weekly outgo of cash for orphanage expenses amounts to fifty to seventy dollars. And this is summer time when all the little fellows go bare-footed and the boys wear little blue overalls. But now it is coming winter, and school commences, and what a hurrying and scurrying there will be to get books and shoes and stockings, and winter clothing. You can imagine what it will take to put us through the winter.

I must tell a little story of what happened recently. The Cleveland Woolen Mill, a very large concern in the city, had been selling bundles of cloth that did not bear inspection, very cheap and we thought perhaps we could purchase a lot of this goods cheap and make the winter clothes. Accordingly Brother and Sister Llewellyn, Mrs. Tomlinson and the Matron went down to see about it. When they arrived they were told that they were out of that kind of goods and the superintendent suggested that he sell them ready made suits. They went to look at the suits and found what they wanted. The price was nine dollars a suit which would make \$108.00 for twelve boys, but without asking to be favored, the kind superintendent gave us a reduction so that the bill was only \$55.50. I certainly feel grateful for this favor and I know all who are interested will join me in this good feeling. This shows the interest the business men of the city are taking in this great work. We get similar favors from almost every source.

The next thing will be school books, shoes and stockings for their little feet and dresses for the girls besides a lot of underwear. You can see that the money we receive is going rapidly. Unless there is some rustling around pretty soon it will be going out faster than it comes in. But I'm sure thousands of prayers are ascending through the skies and surely He who said "For of such is the kingdom of God" will not allow the little mouths to go hungry, or the little feet to suffer with cold. He will have somebody sending in the necessities of life or the money to buy them. We do not feel uneasy about it, yet we can't keep from feeling the responsibility, because we have to look after the interests of the home.

Now that the Kentucky house is finished there is the furniture to buy—stoves, beds and their furnishings, except quilts, we have plenty of quilts, tables, chairs, dressers, dishes, cooking utensils, and everything that it takes to make a home comfortable. And everything takes money, although we are always favored with reductions. Here is something to pray about and work for. And I'm sure we will all work together to maintain this institution.

Right here I am going to add a little bit of information and make a suggestion. We find in going over our things that we need a lot of large sheets and medium sized pillow-slips. We have a lot of pillows with no cases. It has occurred to my mind that our good sisters would be delighted to furnish these sheets and pillow-cases. These could be made and wrapt

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THE EVANGEL DRIVE

Here is a part of another good letter from one that is much interested in the Evangel:

"I have been reading the Evangel very closely of late and find some good soul food in it, and it can't stop—it must travel on throughout the whole world. It can't be stopped. It would be just as good as the devil would want. O beloved, just think of the good warnings that have been sent out. Let us all move up a little. Now I will give my name to be put on the list for \$50.00 to help pay off the debt.

Beloved, let us all help to carry the burden that Brother Tomlinson has been carrying so long. I love you all."

Allen Rash.

I do not know why the names are coming in so slow. It seems to me that there ought to be fifty or more a week since there are so many interested like they are. But surely the time has come now when the names will begin to pour in right. I am looking for the Gideon three hundred to flail the enemy and put this mountain into the sea.

This letter and the many others that are coming daily are much appreciated and very encouraging. Those who have given their names are the faithful pioneers and are worthy of due honor for their voluntary service. Surely others will follow quickly.

It will be remembered that in connection with the big Evangel Drive just past that the General Overseer was authorized to set a day some time after it was over as a day of Jubilee to rejoice because the battle was fought, the victory won, and the mountain was cast into the sea. After it was learned that, while the drive was considered a wonderful success, it fell short and did not put us over the top, mention was made about it in the Evangel but there has been no response concerning the Day of Jubilee, but there has been much interest shown about finishing up the drive. I give below a letter containing a proposition to finish up the drive. And I feel like giving it weighty consideration because it comes from one of the Twelve, and this proposition shows his interest in the matter.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I have been thinking for several days about writing and making a proposition through the paper, so here it is:

If three hundred of us will give fifty dollars a piece, we can pay the fifteen thousand dollars debt off of the Evangel. As many as will give this amount send in your name and address to Brother Tomlinson. I am asking him to put my name at the head of the list.

S. W. Latimer, Spring Place, Ga.

Brother Latimer explains further that he will be ready to send his check for his fifty dollars just as soon as three hundred names are received. Now, I do not feel like ignoring this proposition, but rather feel it is worthy of sincere consideration coming from the source it does and here it is now as a starter to finish up the drive. I will look for a hurried response from three hundred persons. You only have to write me that you will be one of the three hundred and your name will be added to the list. Pray about this and see what God will have you do.

I have another good letter before me from O. W. Thomas of West Virginia urging the continuance of the drive until we go over the top. I will give a part of this letter:

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I have been thinking upon the Evangel Drive and of what little success we had in lifting the great debt and burden from the Evangel. This literature must not cease to be published. The little white winged messenger and The Faithful Standard, O how grand! I have spoken of the Church of God literature publicly and truly say it is the best literature published on earth. Then can we let this literature cease to be published? I say, No!

Then he proceeds to make some good suggestions as to how this drive may be continued. He is in high favor of its continuance until every dollar is paid, and finishes up by saying, "I am sure I will do my best."

Brother Thomas is one of our leading ministers in West Virginia and I am sure he has the work on his heart and is willing to make any sacrifice to see this debt removed.

I am laying this subject before the public in the fear and love of God and will await a response. I will be expecting to hear from many. I would love to call the Day of Jubilee as my part in the drive as given in the governing rules, but do not feel that it could be a first class Jubilee if we are not over the top. I will expect a hearty response to Brother Latimer's proposition. Let us pray and believe God for final victory.

Since the above appeared in the Evangel under date of July 8, I have received a number of communications concerning this drive. I find many are interested and seem to be fully determined that this burden shall be lifted and the great mountain cast into the sea. I wish to express my appreciation of this interest and the many good letters bearing on the subject. I am sure Brother Latimer will be gratified to learn that he is not alone in heading the fifty dollars list. Below are the names of those who have already responded:

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S. W. Latimer, Spring Place, Ga.
C. B. Myers, Arcadia, Fla.
S. T. Goza, Gradyville, Ga.
M. S. Sanders, Lutz, Fla.
C. F. Stewart, Toledo, Ohio.
R. E. Elridge, Boaz, Ala.
H. W. Billingsley, Knoxville, Tenn.
James Cline, Elkhurst, W. Va.
Martha Lee, Jasper, Fla.
D. S. Annis, Adena, Ohio.
W. A. Roberts, E. Chattanooga, Tenn.
G. A. Bearden, Cordelle, Ga.
I. Shirley, Zephyrhills, Fla.
Andy Caldwell, Slaton, Texas.
Allen Rash, Merriam, Kans.
H. R. Jacobs, Liberty, Miss.

This is certainly a start for a good thing. Those who send in their names on this proposition will please notice that it is not expected that the fifty dollars are to be paid until the three hundred have pledged. I wonder who will be next. Surely there are two hundred and eighty-four more somewhere that will respond and thus join with these sixteen persons in doing one of the greatest things for the Church of God that could be done.

I hope our friends will remember the strain we are in while this proposition is in working and loan us any amount they can spare and let it be working for the Church while they can do without it. These loans will be used to tide us over the hard places we have to cross in carrying the Auditorium debt as well as the Evangel debt. Pray and help us all you can.

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REQUESTS

J. W. Hicks, Williston, Fla., requests
prayer that he may receive the Holy
Ghost.

Mary A. Ferree, Barton, Ohio, requests
prayer that God will strengthen her
body and heal her right hand and
arm.

Zeallia Phillips, Swartz, La., requests
prayer that God will send a Church
of God preacher to that place. Also
pray that the Lord will heal her
body.

Mrs. R. C. Dorton, Glamorgan, Va.,
requests prayer that God will help
her and another sister in their Sun-
day School and prayer meeting work.
Also fast and pray for the people at
that place.

NOTICES

I would like to know the where-
abouts of J. Z. McClung. He did live
in Sapulpa, Okla. Please try to lo-
cate him for me.

Alice Starr,
Hitchita, Okla.

I would like to know the whereabouts
of my wife, Carrie B. Lorenz, and my
two children, Byron B. and Sylvia F.
Lorenz. Following is their description:
Carrie B. Lorenz—age 49 years, 5 ft.
2 in. in height, weighs about 150
pounds, dark brown hair tinged with
grey, large blue-grey eyes, fair com-
plexion, short chin, two front teeth
larger than others and spaced apart.
Byron B. Lorenz—age 20 years, about
6 ft. in height, has soldier bearing but
has not been in the army, weighs
about 140 pounds, black hair and eye-
brows, slightly dark complexion, brown
eyes, long chin, heavy growth of beard
for a boy, smooth shaven, college
student, has the auto-school fever, is
an inventor, a Christian. Sylvia F.
Lorenz—age 17 years, about 5 ft. 4
in. in height, weighs about 125 pounds,
brown hair, brown eyes, fair complex-
ion, is talkative, a Christian, college
student, and is a Methodist.

I would like to have each of their
addresses and would appreciate them
very much. I want to find my family;
they may be in or around St. Louis.

Yours truly,
John P. Lorenz,
Perryville, Mo.

IN MEMORY OF MASSEY

On July 24, 1922, the death angel
visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Massey and claimed their daughter,
Lizzie, age 15 years, 4 months and 9
days. She was saved, sanctified and
was seeking the Holy Ghost. She
leaves to mourn, a father, mother,
five sisters, four brothers and a
host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted
by the writer and her body was laid
to rest in the Bridgeport cemetery to
await the coming of the Lord.

P. W. Hackney,
Bridgeport, Ala.

BENNETT

On Aug. 6, 1922, the death angel
visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E.
Bennett of Egan, Ga., and claimed
their darling little Walter age 14

months. Walter had been ill for sev-
eral weeks. He will be missed in the
home and by many friends and loved
ones but we know he is safe in the
arms of Jesus, his suffering is over.
He was prayed for several times but
God saw best to take him home.

He leaves to mourn, his mother,
father, five sisters and two brothers
and the body was laid to rest in Mt.
Zion cemetery to await the resurrec-
tion.

Lizzie Alexander,
Egan, Ga.

SHEPHERD

On July 7th, Brother Riley Shep-
herd departed this life, death being
caused by a second stroke of paralysis.
Brother Shepherd was saved, sancti-
fied and filled with the Holy Ghost
and was a member of the Church of
God until death. He was a good neigh-
bor, husband and father and always
had a good will toward everybody. He
will be greatly missed by all who knew
him.

Left to mourn, are a wife and two
daughters, Mrs. Emma Cross and Mrs.
Sallie Krell, both of Arcadia, Fla.
Funeral service was conducted by
Brother Will Austin and the remains
were laid to rest in Mount Maria cem-
etery to await the coming of our King.

Alice Brown,
Arcadia, Fla.

UNDERWOOD

Tildia Lee Underwood, wife of
James Underwood, died at her home in
Jefferson City, Tenn., on July 18, 1922.
Sister Underwood was born in 1855.
She professed faith in Christ while
young and joined the Free Will Baptist
church, of which she remained a
member until her death.

She was a very devout woman and
many times we have seen her at the
altar with her children and grand-
children, seeking the Holy Ghost. A
short time before she died, her son
asked her if she was ready to go and
she replied that she wanted to re-
ceive the Holy Ghost before she died.

She leaves to mourn her death, a
husband, eight children (three are
members of the Church of God), sev-
eral grandchildren and many friends.

"Grandma" is gone, but her kind
words and deeds of charity will not
soon be forgotten. She will be greatly
missed but we have a hope of meeting
her again some glad day where part-
ings will be no more. May the Lord
comfort and bless the bereaved ones.

M. W. Letsinger.

JONES

Brother William S. Jones, age 40
years, 6 months and 3 days, was taken
sick on the 24th of July and called for
the saints to pray for him. During
his siege of one week, he was appar-
ently healed twice but at last he
gently glided out of the body of clay
to be with Jesus forevermore. Brother
Jones was saved, sanctified and bap-
tized with the Holy Ghost about a
year ago and came into the Church
of God. He was strong for the Church
and zealous of good works. He trust-
ed only in the healing power of God
and would rather suffer affliction with
the people of God than to enjoy the
pleasures of sin for a season.

The funeral service was conducted
by Brother Walter Crider and the
remains were laid away in the Delhi
cemetery to await the resurrec-
tion morning when the dead
in Christ shall rise first. "Blessed and
holy is he that hath part in the first
resurrection: on such the second death
hath no power." Rev. 20:6.

In the silent tomb, thou shalt sweet-
ly sleep
Until the great resurrection day.
Oh, lonely ones, your soul He will keep
Till the great mist is rolled away.

Sad indeed it is,
When we lay their bodies down;
But, oh, how sweet when they
Put on the robe and crown.

His brother-in-law,
Arthur P. Gay,
Holly Ridge, La.

BATTLEFIELDS

We closed a meeting nine miles
from Highland, N. C., Aug. 5, with
good results. One was saved, one
received the Holy Ghost and one was
added to the Church. It was a time
of rejoicing among the saints and a
sweet spirit prevailed among them. We
observed the Lord's supper and feet
washing near the close of the meet-
ing, reports Frank Miller and R. E.
Hamilton.

The meeting at the Church of God
seven miles from Statesboro, Ga., be-
gan July 22 and closed Aug. 10. Two
were saved, five sanctified, three filled
with the Holy Ghost and five were
added to the Church. Brother G. J.
Barfield helped in the meeting and
Brother Henry Mathis of Jessup did
most of the preaching. God blessed in
the giving out of His Word. Hot lamp
chimneys were handled under the
power, reports Vada Martin.

We have just closed a two weeks
revival meeting in an arbor at Pates
Temple and Oak Grove. We had all
day meeting at Pates Temple and din-
ner on the round. The music was
rendered by Sister Media Hall and the
Stockton string band. The Sunday
school had a program and march. Two
were sanctified and three reclaimed
during the meeting. Eternity alone
will reveal the good that was done,
reported by the ones in charge, Luther
Moxley and Sidney Smedley.

Church Edified and Built Up

On Aug. 28 we closed a twenty-eight
days meeting, conducted by our pas-
tor and wife, Brother and Sister Math-
is of Lindale, Ga. The Lord surely did
bless. The truths were given out
with such power that it found its way
into many precious hearts. Seven
were saved, six sanctified, six filled
with the Holy Ghost, six followed the
Lord in water baptism and four were
added to the Church.

Sister Ethel Lee of Cleveland, Tenn.,
was with us in the meeting. The peo-
ple loved her. When she told the peo-
ple about the Christ who loved us so
well that He gave His life for us the
hard hearted sinners would weep.

Brother Llewellyn of Cleveland,
Tenn., preached the closing sermon.
His text was 1 Thes. 1:6, "And ye be-
came followers of us, and of the Lord,
having received the word in much
affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost."
The Lord blessed him in giving out
the Word.

The church was much edified and
built up at this place. When the en-
emy thinks he has the church put
down, she bursts forth with more power
and glory than ever. Praise God!
We are not very strong in members
but we are strong in the Lord.

Your humble brother,
J. T. Thompson,
Varnell Station, Ga.

The Lame Are Made to Walk

Have just closed an interesting
meeting at Parkersburg, W. Va. Brother
E. C. Smith is pastor there. I was
asked to hold a few days revival for
them and I did. Praise the Lord.
Eight were reclaimed, three saved and
ten were filled with the Holy Ghost.
Several brethren from the Holiness
church saw the light on the baptism
of the Holy Ghost, one was a Holiness
preacher. I shall never forget how
they came to me praising God and
saying, "Sister, we thank God for your
coming to this place. You have surely
made this way plain to us and we will
walk in the light from now on." Oh,
how they did shout and praise Jesus.
Hallelujah to the Lamb of God which
taketh away the sins of the world.

A poor lone woman lived in a house
boat on the bank of the river. She had
not walked for over three years and
had to crawl on her hands and knees.
A sister asked me to go and see her.
When I beheld her I was filled with
pity and compassion and I fell on my
knees crying to God to save her and
heal her. She gave up and was saved
in two or three days and she began
standing on her feet. Sunday we bap-
tized her and she walked out of the
water shouting and praising God. The
sinner part of the congregation
screamed and cried while the saints
shouted the praises of the mighty
works of God in these last days. Pray
for me.

Your sister under the blood,
Mary A. Ferree.

A Good Work Started in Dart, Ohio

I want to report the good work the
Lord is doing in Dart, Ohio. The Lord
sent me here July 30. The way of
holiness had never been preached here
but, thank God, the dear Lord gave
me His Word and I gave it to them
and the people believed God's Word on
the spot. They were amazed at the
power of God but after proving the
Scriptures the Lord sent the people
to the altar and they prayed through
and shouted the victory over sin.

Seventeen were saved and sanctified
and two were filled with the Holy
Ghost. I set a church in order, Aug.
13, with eighteen members. I had a
battle over the name of the church
but, thank God, the baby was born and
named. They didn't call him Dan but
they called his name John. The angel
named him, thank God, and the good
Lord named the Church and He called
it the Church of God.

We began preaching divine healing.
There was a woman here who had
been down with dropsy for three
years and had not walked a step. We
went and prayed for her and the Lord
healed her. She is now going to
church. He also healed a girl whom
the doctors had given up. She is
surely healed and sanctified. She
went twenty miles to be in a feet
washing and communion service.

Pray for his needy field.
Your brother in the Master's ser-
vice.

H. V. Lawson,
Marietta, Ohio.

In a Visible Church

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Evangel Readers—Greetings in Je-
sus' Name:

I am praising God for full salvation
through the blood of Jesus and the
baptism of the blessed Holy Ghost.
He still remains in my body. His tem-
ple. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. I am a mem-
ber of the great Church of God, the
pillar and ground of the truth, 1 Tim.
3:15, with headquarters at Cleveland,
Tenn. I truly thank God for His
great Church that Brother Tomlinson
is the General Overseer of just as
Moses and Joshua were general over-
seers of the church in the wilderness,
and James and Paul were general
overseers of the early Church. And
you can't find in the Bible where a
change was made until death.

As the early Church shone forth
this glorious gospel light, even so in
these last days, the great Church of
God has begun to shine and, thank
God, one of these days she will shine
so bright that Jesus, our great Head,
will present her to Himself, without
spot or wrinkle. Eph. 5:27.

I thank God He has some men
here on earth whom He can trust to

carry on the business of His Church.
She is the only one of her mother
and I declare unto you she is al-
together lovely and I love her with
my whole heart; love her better than
the blood that runs through my veins.

The Church of God is a visible
Church and her members all one. She
is the cleanest body of people this
side of heaven and holds up the
cleanest and highest standard of any
class of people. We are added to
her when we present ourselves for
membership and receive the right
hand of fellowship.

Some teach that we are born into
the Church. Others teach that when
we get the Holy Ghost we are in the
Church, using 1 Cor. 12:13 for their
teaching. I want all who have an
honest heart to read that verse and
run the references on it. See if it
doesn't carry you back to the time
that Jesus died on the cross and the
plan of salvation was open for the
Gentiles as well as for the Jews.
Read Rom. 6:5, Eph. 2:13-18 and Gal.
3:28 along with 1 Cor. 12:13.

I praise God for His great Church
and because it is a visible body right
here in this present world. Please
read Matt. 18:15-17. Here Jesus tells
us how to deal with a brother. "More-
over if thy brother shall trespass
against thee, go and tell him his
fault between thee and him alone: if
he shall hear thee thou hast gained
thy brother. But if he will not hear
thee, then take with thee one or two
more, that in the mouth of two or
three witnesses every word may be
established. And if he shall neglect
to hear them, tell it unto the church." Now, brother and sister, if the
Church of God is in heaven, as some
teach, I would like for you to tell me
how you would ever get to heaven
for a church trial.

The great apostle Paul, in writing
to the Corinthians, addressed his
epistle "Unto the church of God
which is at Corinth." He gave them
a command, that when the church
came together, to deliver a certain
young man unto Satan for the de-
struction of the flesh that his spirit
might be saved in the day of the
Lord Jesus. 1 Cor. 5:1-5. How could
this command have been obeyed if
the Church were in heaven? Again
we find where Paul told the church
of the Thessalonians to withdraw
from every brother that walked dis-
orderly. 2 Tim. 3:6.

I would like to see the chapter and
verse that teaches we are born or
baptized into the Church and that
the Church is in heaven. I surely
thank God for the Church of God
with headquarters in Cleveland,
Tenn.—the early Church had their
headquarters at Jerusalem—right here
on earth, not in heaven as some
would have you believe.

When Paul was on one of his mis-
sionary journeys, he came to Ephesus
and called the elders together. He
warned the Church of God against
grievous wolves entering in among
them and not sparing the flock. Acts
20:29. Now, friends, you know that
no grievous wolves will ever enter in-
to heaven to destroy the flock, so you
can surely see by this time that the
Church of God is a visible body here
on earth.

I want the saints to pray that the
Lord will heal my wife for His glory.
I would like to attend the Bible
School again this year.

Your brother in Jesus,
H. L. Gillett,
Canton, N. C.

Can't Praise God Enough

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Dear Saints:

As I have enjoyed reading so many
good letters, I thought I would write
a few words, but I can't begin to tell
what God has done for me. He has
filled me with blessings that I did not
know of before. I praise God for the
real baptism of the Holy Ghost, glory
to Jesus. I am glad that I can say
I'm one of them.

It does me much good to read the
letters in the Evangel. I don't get
to go to meeting but I don't feel like
I am forgotten—my blessed Saviour
is still with me.

I want all the saints to pray special
prayers for my husband and me. If
I could see my husband come over to
the Church of God I would be the
happiest woman of all. Pray for me
to be true to God until He comes or
calls.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. M. Brackin,
Frostproof, Fla.

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is a Rainbow, and Shine O Let it
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at the Evangel office. Price 10 cents

Willing to Give Life For the Church

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel
Readers:

I am in a hard place to preach the
Church of God. The people here grow
tobacco for a living. It seems like it is
hard to get people saved but I am
running a meeting, hoping to get some
souls saved. This is a new place and this
gospel has never been preached here.
Sometimes I come in home and we
don't have anything to eat but corn
bread but thank God for that. Some-
one has to suffer so let it be me. I
am willing to give my life for the
Church of God. I feel this great love
running through me as I write. Pray
that I may stay in the work and
preach this great gospel that must
go to the ends of the earth.

Your brother in Jesus,
J. A. Hill,
Gallants Ferry, S. C.

A Glorious Meeting at Lake Wales

Brother Jim Mann closed a four
weeks meeting here Sunday night.
He surely sent forth the rays of the
gospel light over this town that was
in darkness. Our blind brother, Luther
Albritton, played for the meeting
and he gave us some fine music. It
seemed that he put his very soul into
the music for I have never heard any
one play as he did. People were
amazed as they listened to the won-
derful strains.

One dear brother who had rooms
with us had been seeking the Holy
Ghost about thirty-seven days begin-
ning at the Wimauma Camp Meeting.
One night about 2 o'clock he had just
returned from service at the tent and
had gone to bed when the Holy Ghost
came down upon him and he talked
in tongues for about an hour, while
Brother Luther danced under the
mighty power of God. The house was
shaken. I thank God for the power
that saves from sin.

One night at the meeting a young
man came to the altar and prayed
through and fell under the power. His
brother came and wanted to take him
up but the saints begged him not to,
but he finally took him out and had
not gone far down the street when a
pain struck him in the back of his
head and he came running back to the
tent and fell in the altar crying out
for mercy. A few nights later the
same young man was lying under the
power of God. The boys' mother be-
came very excited and made up a mob
outside the tent, they rushed in to the
altar and took the boys and carried
them out by their hands and feet. The
enemy was stirred and the report came
in that they were going to cut the
tent down. We did not leave until
late but next morning we found the
tent was down—the enemy had cut
the ropes but the faithful brothers and
sisters went to work and soon had it
up again as good as ever.

It was wonderful to see how the
dear people gathered under that old
gospel tent to hear the precious Word
of God. It was filled to overflowing
many times and many stood around
on the outside. Only eternity will re-
veal the good done. Several were filled
with the Holy Ghost, three were
reclaimed and four were baptized in
water. We had a wonderful meeting
Sunday afternoon. There was dan-
cing, talking in tongues and messages
and interpretations.

We can truly say that this was the
greatest meeting Lake Wales has ever
had. The people were stirred and said
they had never seen it on this fashion
before. Brother Mann made many
friends for the Church of God in Lake
Wales and should we have another
meeting in the near future I believe
there are many people here who will
get salvation and come into the dear
old Church of God. Brother Walter
Whidden was with us the last week of
the meeting. He preached some good
sermons.

We can report success for this meet-
ing for Lake Wales has the light.
Thank God! Since the meeting closed
we have prayer meetings in our home
Wednesday and Sunday nights. We
hope to have a Sunday school orga-
nized soon. We have a piece of
ground and are planning to build a
church house. Pray for the Lord to
supply the means to build this house.
I would appreciate hearing from any
of the saints.

A sister in His service,
Mrs. J. R. King,
Lake Wales, Fla.

A Church Established in Phoenix, Ariz.

To All Who are Interested in the Ad-
vancement of the Great Church of
God:

On July 2 I began a revival in Phoenix,
Ariz., the capitol of the state. To
say that Satan was present in every
service and used all his Satanic pow-
ers against us would be telling you
in a mild form of the opposition we
encountered. But God who knows how
to direct the battle always wins if we
do not hinder. I came as a stranger
having never seen a face in this city.
I was out of means when I arrived.
I had only enough money to rent a
room and for many days, I think it
was seven, I had nothing to eat and
only hydrant water to drink that at
times was so hot I could not bear my
hands in it. I took this opportunity
to fast for it was a good one and went
down before God in prayer. It has
been an awfully hard battle and no
one but God will ever know the tears
and groans and sufferings but as a re-
ward, there is today in the city of
Phoenix, Ariz., a Church of God with
fifteen members, the first one in the
state.

A sister testified that seven years
ago she had a dream that heaven came
down and was on Washington St., the
place where our meeting was held and
the Church established. She never for-
got the dream but would often wonder
what it meant. She saw it fulfilled on
Aug. 6 when the Church was set in
order by Brother Hockett who came
over from California and spent a cou-
ple of days. He was accompanied by
Brother Conrad and wife of Baldwin
Park, Cal. Every one loved them and
we are asking God to send them here
to pastor the church.

While there were only three who
received the Holy Ghost, five sancti-
fied and eight saved we feel that it
was a wonderful meeting. Most of
the time was given to preaching the
necessity of organization and the
beauty of the Church of God.

Fire was seen twice during the ser-
vice and there were many manifesta-
tions of the Spirit. The piano was
played under the power and many
were the dances in honor of our King

in the old tabernacle on Washington
Street.

There were many cases of healing.
One man was healed of a carbuncle on
his arm. A lady was healed of tuber-
culosis of the throat. I must tell you
of her. A nurse came one night to
the meeting to ask prayer for her
patient who she said would not live
through the night. She did not ask
for healing but that she might die
easy and that her unseamed husband
might be touched by her death and be
saved. I called for prayer immedi-
ately and asked God to reach him
through her healing in place of her
death. I got the address from the
nurse and called on the sick lady the
next day. She was sitting on the
side of the bed and said she slept like
a baby the night before and it was
the first sleep she had had for many
months that was not broken every few
moments by coughing. She is up now
and testifies to her healing. She is
very emaciated and is just a skeleton
in form but her flesh is building back
and she is a mystery to all who see
her (who know not God).

A little Spanish woman came into
the Church who is a power for God.
She was very sick in bed unable to be
up or help herself at all. We called
and offered prayer and she was in-
stantly healed. She came to meeting
the next day with the thermometer
standing at 120 in the shade and test-
ified to her healing. I see in her an
open door to the Spanish people of
this town. She is called to preach, has
had her baptism two years and
preaches with great power. She also
speaks English. At the street meeting
held here every Sunday she speaks to
the people in Spanish as a large part
of the listeners are Spanish.

On account of not having a pastor
for this place I suppose I will have to
stay here till the Assembly. If any
one who reads this feels that God
would have them in the Western
states, how glad we will be to give
you a welcome. We must have
help from some source. Several
here are demanding baptism and
I am unable to get any one. How
we need help out here. Brother
Hockett is too old and feeble to bap-
tize. God is giving us some good men
who will later be able ministers in the
Church but we can't use them until
they are licensed and this takes time.
One Pentecostal preacher came into
the church here. I think he is a good
man.

Do help me pray that God will send
us help and that I may be able to get
these dear ones established in doctrine
until they can never be moved. We
are now having Bible studies twice a
week. There is so much false doc-
trine here as well as California that
I find this method is very essential to
their welfare.

I find this climate ideal for the sick
especially for throat and lung trouble
and, therefore, affords a great oppor-
tunity to work for the Lord as there
are thousands here for their health
and as you know you can reach people
more easily in failing health.

It is almost unbearable in the sun.
The thermometer often runs to 120
in the shade so you can imagine your-
self preaching in such intense heat
but the fire of the Holy Ghost makes
you forget the heat. There are many
hungry hearts here and I believe we
will soon have a strong church in
Phoenix. I think the membership
will double in two weeks.

I am here laboring under adverse
difficulties but I mean to be true to
God and His Church. The only reward
I ever expect is to have Him lay His
hand on my head and hear Him say,
"Well done." Until then I am willing
to bear the cross and suffer any hard-
ship He sees best.

Pray for me that I may use such
love and wisdom as is necessary to
make me a successful soul winner.

Had I some one to relieve me here
of the responsibility I believe I would
have another church here before the
Assembly but the little flock must be
fed and cared for. I feel that it
would be better not to start a work
than to leave them to the "wolves."

If any one cares to write me I will
appreciate it. You may address me at
1002 East McDowell St., Phoenix,
Ariz.

Yours in Christian love,
Mrs. S. A. Shepherd.

Salvation is a Fortune

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:
I am praising God that today finds
me saved, sanctified through the pre-
cious blood of Jesus and filled with
the Holy Ghost with the evidence of
speaking in other tongues as the Spir-
it gives utterance. Acts 2:4.

I feel like I have so much to thank
the Lord for. I was operated on for
appendicitis and after I returned
home I had a back set and thought
inflammation was ready to set in. As
soon as I could I got down on my
knees with my little children around
me and the Lord gave me the victory
and I was healed. Praise God there
is power in His blood.

Dear ones,

More Determined to Go Through

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am praising God this morning for this great plan of salvation that keeps us free from sin every day. I praise Him because I am still saved from all sin, sanctified by His precious blood and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise God!

I thank God for ever sending Brother Winfield Thompson to McComb, Miss., to bring the full gospel to us. He was the first Church of God preacher I ever saw. In the year of 1917 he conducted a three weeks meeting there and the people were getting interested. During the meeting three received the Holy Ghost and one was reclaimed. I was one of the number that received the Holy Ghost. We praise God for sending Brother Thompson to that wicked town. This wonderful experience I received has been sweet peace to my soul ever since. Glory to God in the highest. I haven't grown tired of it yet.

At times I have felt heartbroken and Satan would try to get me to backslide and I would grow a little cold but, praise God, this morning finds me with a greater determination than ever to go through with Jesus no matter what the world may say or do. I am going through with Jesus.

I don't get to attend service very often. This year I have had the privilege of attending only three times. Saints, pray for me to overcome all trials and temptations and that God will give me power and victory. Also pray for my home and the people of this community and that the Lord will send a Church of God preacher to this place. Continue praying for the man in McComb, Miss., that he may be completely healed of a cancer and saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in the Lord,
Carrie Whittington,
Liberty, Miss.

He Will Never Leave Us

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints:

I feel like praising God this evening through the little paper. Oh, how God does bless my soul. The trials are thick and hard but my God is able to take me through and He does too. It seems that for the last sixteen months that the devil has hurled his darts from every quarter and they have been two edged, sharp pointed and jagged. Some times it seems that I would go down but He who shed His precious blood for me was right at my side to hold me up and strengthen me. Oh, those blessed words of our Saviour, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee;" "My grace is sufficient for thee;" "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;" and still another, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." These words are very encouraging to me.

What a wonderful God we have. He is helping me to overcome my tongue and I don't know how to start to praise Him for it. My heart is so hungry to leave this world and go home to see my Father and elder Brother. Years ago when my darling mother was living and we were separated by many miles, how my heart would bound for joy when I knew I was going to see her and Papa and brother. But all that joy is not to be compared to one moment of the joy there will be when I can see Him face to face.

Beloved, my heart is overflowing with love for this lost world. I love the redeemed ones and how much I love Jesus, no mortal tongue can tell. And I love God; He loved me so that He gave His only begotten Son that I might have everlasting life. I also love the little Evangel and The Faithful Standard.

I praise God for the way He blesses me at home all alone. "Bless the Lord, O my soul."

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. A. L. Douglas,
Miami, Fla.

God Has Healing Power

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and all the Dear Saints Everywhere:

I want to praise God for His mighty healing power. I have had chronic bronchitis for twenty-six years. The last six years I coughed all the time. On Sept. 21, 1920, I took to my bed with an abscess on my lung. In June of the next year I got up but I wasn't healed until January of this year when Brother and Sister M. S. Haynes and daughter came and prayed for me and the Lord healed me. Glory to God!

Some time later I was sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the dear old Church of God. I love her government and teaching and feel that if I were turned out of this Church I would be, cast into outer darkness.

I want you all to pray that God will bless the saints here and knit them together in love and unity, that we may be one even as Christ and the Father are one.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. J. L. Cavin,
Gloster, Miss.

No Fear of Death

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost. Oh, how I praise Him for this wonderful salvation that

keeps us happy and free from sin each day. Praise His dear name! The Lord saved me from sin when I was only thirteen years old. Nine years ago He sanctified me and one month ago, He baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and I was added to the Church of God at Nashville, Tenn. Praise the Lord.

I'm so glad that I'm in the way with Jesus to guide me through this old sinful world. Oh, I feel so happy to think that I'm ready to go when the Lord calls. I used to study so much about dying and how I dreaded the sting of death, but, praise God, all fear is now gone and the Spirit of God dwells in my heart.

We need the Spirit of God to comfort our hearts and to lighten our burdens. We need Him for power that we may be able to accomplish God's will and purpose in this life. The glory, joy and comfort of having this heavenly guest to dwell within us, can never be known to any except those who have Him. You would not exchange one thrill of this experience for all the thrills the world has ever been able to give. In Matt. 3:11, John says, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Have you received this great blessing as they did on the day of Pentecost? Acts 2:4. If you haven't, it is for you, and for your children, and for all who will accept Him. Praise God, I'm glad that I ever got humble enough to accept Him.

I don't have very much of this world's goods but, praise the Lord, He supplies all my needs and some day I'm expecting to live in a mansion in the sky which my blessed Redeemer has gone to prepare. Bless His name forever! I ask all the dear saints to pray for me that I may stand true and do the will of my Father.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Cora Fuller,
Portland, Tenn.

Going the Straight and Narrow Way

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer for this wonderful salvation that keeps us every day, right here in this present world. I am glad I ever got willing to go down on my knees, repent of my sins, and accept Christ as my personal Saviour. Praise His sweet name.

Dear saints, I don't believe I ever did have a greater determination to go on than I have this evening. I am so glad that we have a wonderful Saviour to serve like we have. I am doing my best to go the straight and narrow way and thank Him because He made it possible for us to walk in it. Praise His dear name.

I can't talk like some of the saints but, bless His dear name I love Jesus and mean to serve Him in this world. I don't care for this world's goods but I am working for a crown at the end of my journey. The Word says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matt. 6:19, 20.

Saints, let's work harder and try to do more for the Lord. We haven't any time to lose but we must move up and do more. I haven't been in this way long, but it grows brighter every day. I mean to stand true and obey them that have the rule over me in the Lord. Glory to God.

Pray for me, saints, and also pray for my companion that she will get the victory over the snuff habit. It seems that I have done all I can to help her so I am now asking the saints of God everywhere to pray earnestly that she will get the victory over that filthy stuff. Oh, how much happier I would be if she had the victory. Pray for me that I may stay at the foot of the cross until Jesus comes or calls for me.

Yours for Jesus,
James C. Emery,
Alabama City, Ala.

Having a Good Time With the Lord

Dear Evangel Readers:

I feel it my duty to speak a word for the wonderful Bible. I praise God for this great Book which we can read and find out about our Saviour.

We are holding a little tent meeting here in Rossville, Ga., and are having a good time with the Lord. Bless His sweet name. Sinners are being saved and some filled with the Holy Ghost. We desire the prayers of God's people that more sinners here will see the light before it is too late.

Brother Dover from Ridgedale was with us this week. Brother C. H. Prince, our regular pastor, sure does give out God's great Word. We praise God for sending Brother Prince here to our town. The sinners all like him and pay heed to his preaching.

I am still sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us.
Your sister in Christ,
Dellah Evans,
Rossville, Ga.

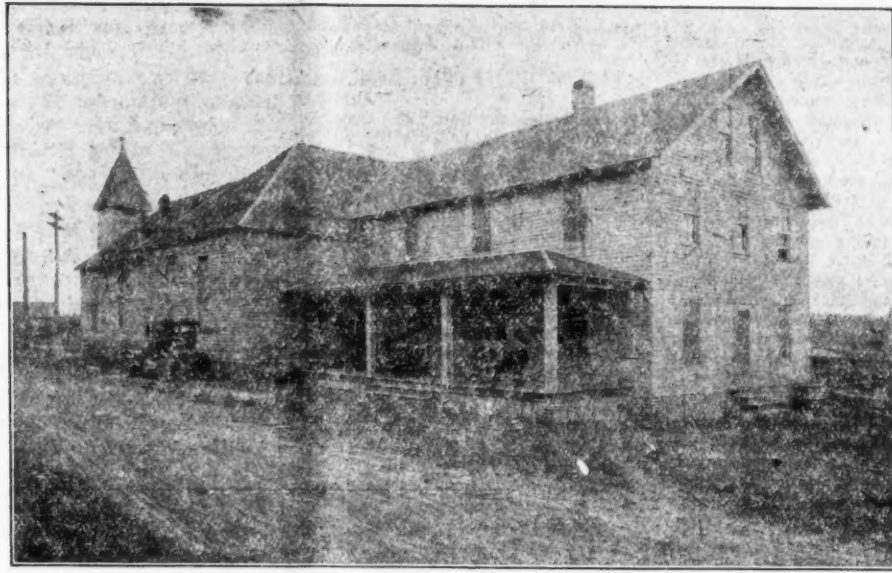
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Joy Bells Ringing

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints: I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer this evening for what He has done for me. Glory to His precious name! I praise Him because I ever got in this way that leads from earth to heaven and because He saved me from sin, sanctified me and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance.

I praise God for His keeping power; He keeps me each day above sin. Sometimes the way gets dark and temptations come thick and fast but oh, 'tis so sweet to trust in Jesus—just to take Him at His Word. I praise Him for the dear old Church of God, of which I am a member. Glory to God. I can feel the joy bells ringing in my soul as I write. It seems that the way gets brighter every day. I feel like going on more than ever before for I know that Jesus is coming soon. Oh, dear ones, let's be ready. Jesus says, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

We want the saints everywhere to pray for the young people here. We have just started our Young Peoples' Meeting and we want you all to pray that it may be a success.

Pray for me that I might be a soul winner for Jesus and stay humble down at His feet where He can use me to His own glory. I feel that there is work ahead for me to do and I want to be a shining light for Jesus, not a stumbling block for sinners.

Dear ones, let's press on to the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus, and realize that the prize is at the end of the race. There are deeper depths and higher heights to reach, bless His dear name. Pray for me to get closer to the Lord; I want to be more like Him every day.

Your sister in Jesus,
Recie Snow,
Logan, W. Va.

THE MISSOURI STATE ASSEMBLY

J. M. Viney, clerk

The State Assembly for the Churches of God in Missouri convened in the church house at Mountain Grove, Mo., at 9:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning, Aug. 1, 1922.

The devil thought he had us going his way in Missouri and did everything in his power to discourage us and had nearly everyone believing we could not begin the Assembly till night but, Brother E. L. Pinkley, our faithful overseer, and a few of the saints were on hand and the very first session began exactly on time, thereby, giving the devil a black eye right on the start which partly blinded him and disabled him for service. Before we got through he was also blinded in the other eye which gave us complete victory. Praise our God forever!

Brother E. L. Pinkley, our state overseer, opened the Assembly and appointed J. M. Viney of Joplin, Mo., as clerk. Then he preached the opening sermon taking for his Scripture Rom. 12. He exhorted the saints to true holiness and to be filled with that divine love of God. After this discourse we adjourned for noon. After dinner we came together again, exactly on time and as our overseer said in the beginning we did not give the devil one inch of space or one minute of time. During the song service the power of God was wonderfully manifested in dancing, shouting and praising God. After prayer Brother W. A. Ledford brought the message. His subject was Benefits of Church Government. His Scriptures were Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 23:18; Acts 20:28; Jude 8:25; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:2; 2 Pet. 2:10. At the close of this discourse we adjourned with prayer by C. M. Mead.

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, the Assembly came together again. J. M. Viney, pastor of the Joplin church delivered a sermon. His subject was Faith. During this message which was very inspiring a message came in tongues and the interpretation given, exhorting the members to be loyal to the Church of God. After talking awhile from Rom. 13 another message was given warning the saints to heed to the servants of God and to obey them who had the rule over them in the Lord. The meeting then adjourned for noon.

After dinner we came together again for the afternoon session. During the song service the power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. Brother Pinkley, our state overseer, in the absence of Brother John Burk whose name appeared on the program for the subject, Danger Signals, took up the subject, bringing out the signals used on railroads and comparing them spiritually in order as follows: First signal, red flag; second signal, fuses and third signal, torpedoes. These signals are supplied by the Railroad Companies for their benefit etc. These signals if unheeded may cause wrecks, probably much suffering, and many deaths. God has many signals in His Word which if unheeded may cause these same things spiritually speaking. Because we see people who are not in the Church we must not say it is not the way. It is dangerous to take up things that we have once laid down such as tobacco, adultery, wearing of gold etc. One of God's signals is to abstain from the very appearance of evil. It is dangerous for women to begin twisting their hair over their ears and to wear low neck dresses. It may not be sin but we must heed the danger signals. It is dangerous to get into the Church of God and then sit down and say, "I will not pay tithes." It is dangerous to think that you know it all and that no one can preach as good as you. It is a dangerous spirit to think that if we are not talking in tongues all the time we have not the Holy Ghost. It is dangerous to think we must have tongues and interpretations in order to do God's bidding. It is dangerous to fail to obey the deacons of the church in the absence of the pastor. It is dangerous to stand out against the pastor. It is dangerous for the pastor to disobey the district overseer, or for the district overseer to disobey the state overseer etc. It is dangerous to make a vow and then not pay it. It is dangerous to fail to do our part or let the devil get one inch, or to compromise in any way. It is dangerous to take a transfer to something else out side the church. It is dangerous to put hands on, or speak against God's anointed. It is dangerous to not stay close to one another. It is dangerous to reject God in any way. It is dangerous for a preacher to take up secular work. It is dangerous to let the devil believe we have not power to heal the sick, or cast out devils. It is dangerous to carry a Bible under our arm as a weapon to fight the Church of God with. It is dangerous to be afraid of the devil. At this point the power of God fell in a wonderful way and a message was given in tongues and interpreted. The saints were instructed to obey the voice of God and He would give them power over unclean spirits and confirm His Word with signs following. Another message was given enquiring why we were so slothful in regard to obeying God, also another message saying the time had come when we must obey God and He would give us power to heal, to cast out devils etc. After the message an altar call was made and several responded. Again the power of God fell in a wonderful way.

After the altar service Brother Pinkley continued his discourse on Danger Signals. It is dangerous to be afraid to obey God. It is dangerous to let jealousy creep into our hearts when God uses some one else better than He does us. It is dangerous to try to continue in the Church of God while living an un-

clean life. It is dangerous to stand idly by when God says go. It is dangerous to seek the Holy Ghost and not believe that the Church of God is right. Then Brother Pinkley sang a song entitled, Why will you longer stand idle, what will the harvest be? It is dangerous to run from God and not go where God wants us to go. Let us believe God for big things and believe that nothing is impossible with God. After this sermon we adjourned until the night service.

On Wednesday morning the state overseer again opened the assembly, making a few remarks in regard to trusting God and stating how wonderfully God had provided for us. During this talk God gave a message in tongues and the interpretation instructing us to trust entirely on Him and He would supply our every need. Another message was given saying if we were true to Him He would stop the mouths of the gainsayers and for us to obey God at all times etc. Brother Pinkley then sang a song entitled Nothing Between.

Brother J. M. Viney then delivered the message, his subject was Duties of Church Members. 1 Thes. 5. Brother Pinkley followed Brother Viney with a few remarks from 1 John 1, and Heb. 7. Adjourned with prayer by J. B. Baney.

After dinner we gathered together again for the afternoon session. The service opened with song service and prayer during which the power of God was manifested in dancing and shouting etc. The moderator then called on W. A. Ledford to bring the message. His subject was The Church of God. His Scriptures were Matt. 16:18; John 10:16; Acts 20:28; Rom. 12:5; Gal. 1:13; 1 Thes. 2:14; 2 Thes. 1:4; 1 Tim. 3:5; Col. 1:18. The state overseer followed Brother Ledford in a few timely remarks on keeping Record, quoting Mal. 3:16, and How we Get into the Church. Eph. 5:13; Luke 10. He said that God in heaven makes people fit for the Church of God. John 3:22. Jesus baptizing through His disciples, preachers and heals through His ministry, adds to the Church through His ministers etc. Adjourned by prayer by E. M. Mead of Sherwin, Kans.

On Thursday morning the State Assembly met again and God met with us and we had a wonderful time in praising God. God spoke through His servants in tongues and there were interpretations etc. In the absence of Brother Baney whose subject was sanctification Brother Pinkley took up the subject and preached a wonderful sermon. His Scriptures were John 17:17; Rom. 15:16; Heb. 13:12; John 1:7 and 1 Cor. 5:11-13. After the sermon we all went to prayer and the sweet mellow presence of God was in our midst. After the prayer and testimonies two sisters requested that the elders lay hands on them and pray that God would remove all doubts and fears and that they may obey God. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 o'clock.

On Friday afternoon, Brother E. M. Mead of Sherwin, Kans., gave us a good message. His subject was Love. He took for his Scripture 1 Cor. 13. On Saturday morning God met with us again as heretofore. Brother J. B. Baney preached a wonderful sermon on Church Government which was very inspiring. His Scriptures were Acts 6; 1 Cor. 6:1; 2 Pet. 2:9; Jude 8. After the sermon an altar call was made and several responded. Brother Pinkley then made a few remarks in regard to saints judging angels (angels are ministering spirits etc.), also in regard to the court of judges. After these remarks we adjourned for noon.

After dinner the State Assembly came together again for the final session. This session opened with song service followed by concert prayer, then another song. Brother Pinkley brought forth the message to preachers using for his Scriptures Eph. 4; Rev. 2:1; 2:12; 3:7. After a very instructive sermon and answering questions in regard to the Church of God teachings the following business was transacted: Brother F. M. Montgomery was released as district overseer of the St. Louis district; Brother Ledford was released as pastor of Mountain Grove and sent to Cantwell, Mo. Brother Baney was appointed as pastor of Mountain Grove church and the Brighton, Mo., church was added to the Joplin district. The State Assembly was then brought to a close by prayer by Brother Pinkley, state overseer and moderator.

To say that this Assembly was a success would be putting it mild. Nearly every one who was there went home greatly encouraged and more determined to go through with God than ever before and every one was thoroughly convinced that we do not only believe it is the Church of God but that we know it is the Church of God. Many of the preachers were kept away on account of the railroad strike and the financial strain, yet those who were there have a determination that in spite of all oppositions the Church of God shall shine brighter in old Missouri than ever before.

I want to say that the success of the Assembly depended largely on our worthy state overseer, E. L. Pinkley, as he was determined not to give the devil one inch and the devil was defeated on every hand. Hallelujah! Hurrah for old Missouri!

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Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:
I am a reader of the Evangel and it is food to my soul. It makes me feel good to read the good pieces that are written by God's children.

A year ago, July 27, the Lord saved me from sin, sanctified me through the blood of Jesus and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Bless His dear name! Hallelujah! I find joy and peace all along this straight and narrow way. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. I have found the joy no tongue can tell, it is like a great o'er flowing well.

It seems that I am just as hungry for more of God's love as I was for salvation. I am just delighted with this way because it is despised by the world. Jesus said, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." John 15:19. We know if we follow Jesus we shall have persecutions for He was persecuted for our sake and we shall be persecuted for His name's sake.

Dear ones, there is a burden on my heart for lost souls. I believe that Jesus will not tarry long and so many have heard the call and will not heed. My heart goes out to the ones who have heard the true gospel preached and will not accept it.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21.

Dear saints, it means more to the world knows about for the love of God to rule and have perfect control of our lives. I would not take this whole world for my journey thus far. I want to go all the way with Jesus. Bless His dear name. Hallelujah! I want to have oil in my vessel and have my lamps all trimmed and brightly burning and ready to go when the cry is made.

Oh, won't it be wonderful to be ready to go when Jesus comes back to earth to catch away His own and to return with Him to dwell forever in that heavenly city where there will be no more sickness, no more dying, no more sorrow, no more sighing. Hallelujah! Bless His name!

"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)" 2 Cor. 6:1, 2.

I have given up this world and the things of the world for Jesus. I would rather die than go back in this old world of sin. Hallelujah! I can feel the fire burning right now.

If everybody knew just how much joy, peace and satisfaction there is along this way they would surely turn to God. I would like for the praying people to pray for me that I will make the run successful and make heaven my home, for I want to see Jesus. Don't you?

Yours for lost souls,

Rosa Steedly,

Manor, Ga.

Determined to Stay in This Way

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:
I am praising God for this way. He has saved my soul, sanctified me wholly by His precious blood and my determination is to stay in this way till Jesus comes.

I am just an infant in this way as it is just a little over a month since this wonderful light burst on my pathway and I have been appointed by Brother Stanley and Sister Malory to keep the saints here together. I have much opposition here and ask all the saints to hold me up in their prayers that I may live humble.

I thank God for dear Sister Malory and for the wonderful light that is now shining on this island. We have no place to hold services in and it is our desire to build a church. We have the ground and ask the saints to pray earnestly for the Lord to supply the means for us to build with.

Your brother in the Lord,
Samuel M. Ferguson,

Acklins Island, Bah.

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Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for what He has done for me. Four years ago He saved me and soon after, while I was praying for my unsaved husband God called me out to preach the gospel. I promised to go and God saved my husband.

I started in to carry the gospel but the enemy pressed me hard and I gave down and backslid but, glory to Jesus, He has reclaimed me and as I still hear the call I mean to obey and do all I can for Jesus and His cause.

We love the Church of God, her government and teachings. Husband and I are both saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, pay tithes and take Jesus as our healer. Thank God, He is all in all to us.

Saints pray for me that where He leads me I will follow.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Beulah Stafford,

Tucker, Fla.

The Orphanage Work (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

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It would be a great encouragement to us for some one to come and help us get this work more thoroughly organized. The Word of God says for us to help the weak if we are strong and to strengthen the feeble and those things that are ready to die.

God truly stands by dear Brother Parkinson and followers. I confirm my words from Psa. 124. Praise God! His Word is true because we prove this portion of Scripture. Sometimes we do not know how he can live but His unfailing promise confirms it again. "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up."

We have had a terrible fight with the enemy on account of not having our own place in the city to worship in. The devil cut our anchoring chain and this caused our boat to go on the rough sea and in time of great storms we could not stop our boat, we had no anchor to hold it. Think what a position we were in. If it had not been for God's great mercy to His blood washed children, there would be nothing doing in this island. We plead for help and ask that we will not be left alone any longer. There are many points that should be carried out according to the rules of the Church of God but no one comes to us from Jerusalem with any advice from the elders as in Acts 15:24-29. But we trust that some one will come soon.

The work is getting on fairly well. Our Sunday school is increasing rapidly and souls are still coming home and many are to be baptized but our place of worship is too small. Many are looking this way and the so-called ministers around us are getting troubled.

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Dear saints, I am making an appeal for special prayer. Pray for the Lord to help us to put the mountain into the sea and that we may have some help in this great battlefield.

Yours in the fight for lost souls and the great Church of God, Main Ridge, B. W. I.

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